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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 14, 2006, the time for reply having been duly extended until December 14, 2006, by the attached petition, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.